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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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*Before:* FRED E. McKELVEY, *Senior Administrative Patent Judge*,  
and SALLY GARDNER LANE and SALLY C. MEDLEY, *Administrative  
Patent Judges*.

McKELVEY, *Senior Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION ON APPEAL

1           **A. Statement of the case**

2           Shell Oil Company [Shell], the real party in interest, seeks review  
3           under 35 U.S.C. § 134(a). We have jurisdiction under 35 U.S.C. § 6(b).

4           The application on appeal was filed on 11 February 2004.

5           While the appeal was pending, Shell filed an express abandonment of  
6           the application on appeal.

1 A copy of the express abandonment was received by the Clerk on  
2 29 May 2008.

3 In view of the express abandonment, the issues on appeal have  
4 become moot.

5 **B. Decision**

6 Upon consideration of the express abandonment, and for the reasons  
7 given, it is

8 ORDERED that the appeal is *dismissed*.

9 DISMISSED.

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